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Chairman Pai, Commissioners Mingon and O’Rielly:

We at Less Government are - and have always been - opposed to Title II reclassification of the Internet. It is a bizarre 1934 monopoly landline telephone overlay - imposed on top of our uber-dynamic, hyper-competitive, omni-directional 21st Century World Wide Web.

We wholeheartedly and unreservedly endorse what FCC Chairman Ajit Pai is (un)doing. The Internet in two decades went from “What’s that?” - to 1/6th of our entire \$18+trillion economy. All of it without this massive Commission imposition in place.

“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” - has never been more aptly applied. Let’s restore the light-touch regulatory regime - that has so supremely over-delivered.

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Wednesday's Leftist Whine Fest: If You Pay Them, All Greed is Forgiven

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Wednesday will bring us yet another ridiculous Leftist protest against President Donald Trump and his reasonable, rational, less government agenda.

This tiny, goofy gaggle has dubbed this particular bit of inanity a “[Day of Action](#).” (Though given the huge government, debilitating policies they promote - “[Day of Traction](#)” is far more accurate.)

As we [chronicled](#) last week, this particular Day of Nonsense is the organizational effort of radical, terrorist-loving, self-described “queer activist singer/songwriter, organizer, parent, speaker, and workshop facilitator” Evan Greer.

Why any company or [media outlet](#) would want to be in any way a proponent of this anti-American man and his radical plan is light years beyond us.

Greer is in charge of rallying to keep in place an Obama administration uber-huge Internet power grab. They unilaterally imposed a 1934 landline telephone regulatory regime - so as to then impose the ridiculous [Network Neutrality](#).

A brief reminder of what Net Neutrality is - from avowed Marxist and college professor (please pardon the redundancy) [Robert McChesney](#): “(T)he ultimate goal is to get rid of the media capitalists in the phone and cable companies and to divest them from control.”

How very Venezuela of them. But back to Greer and his Wednesday effort.

In this case, he works like this: Giant Silicon Valley companies trying to protect their crony government giveaways. And to do that, they hand millions of dollars to terrorist-tarian Greer - and a small coterie of Marxist organizations.

Marxist organizations like Free Press (which the aforementioned prof McChesney co-founded). They just sent me a whiplash-inducing confusion and hypocrisy-inducing email, which begins: “The Trump administration, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and greedy corporations have banded together to kill real Net Neutrality.”

“Greedy corporations?” Let’s take but a little look at the [who’s who of Silicon Valley sponsoring](#) Free Press and Greer’s Day of Freaks. There’s Amazon (\$468 billion market cap). And Google (\$643 billion). And Facebook (\$439 billion).

(It’s the participation of these huge Web companies that makes Wednesday’s tiny effort look MUCH larger than it actually is.)

I'm sure there isn't a greedy bone in the Valley's combined multi-trillion-dollar bodies. It would appear "greedy corporation" is determined by whether or not you cut the Left checks.

Over here in Reality, these corporations are in fact actually greedy. Shocker, I know. And their multi-million gifts to these clowns is Exhibit A thereof. They are spending millions defending Net Neutrality - because it is for them a government-crony gift of nigh incalculable proportions.

These companies use a TON of Internet bandwidth. Google (with YouTube) and Netflix (another Day of Traction sponsor) - all by themselves [consume more than half of all it in the United States](#). And Net Neutrality - prevents them from being charged for it.

But this bandwidth costs a LOT of money. The Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who build it need to get paid for it. And if government's Net Neutrality says they can't charge the bandwidth hogs - the only people left to charge...is us. We pay much higher connection charges - to augment the profits of Google and Facebook, Amazon and Netflix.

Why, that sounds...exceedingly greedy of these Valley corporations.

And when government gets crony-involved - Thomas Sowell's definition of greed becomes [exceedingly germane](#): "I have never understood why it is 'greed' to want to keep the money you have earned - but not greed to want to take somebody else's money."

These giant Valley corporations don't want to spend the money. And they are perfectly happy to have government, via Net Neutrality, make you pay oh-so-much-more of yours - so they can spend less of theirs. The very Sowell-esque definition of greed.

ISPs simply want to be paid for the services they provide - in relative proportion to the amount of services consumed. And not have government dictate otherwise.

Google and Netflix use a little more bandwidth than do you and I. So reality would dictate they should pay a little more. Net Neutrality dictates that they pay not a dime - and that we pay for them.

To ensure that the Net Neutrality inanity continue, these Valley corporations are willing to dump millions into Wednesday's Greer-Free Press Freak Show. To save them tens (hundreds?) of millions of dollars per annum they would - without Net Neutrality cronyism - have to pay for the services ISPs render them.

Oh - and before we leave you, let us introduce one more tiny faction of this tiny faction.

Another very reasonable thing Net Neutrality bizarrely bans - is paid prioritization. Where you can pay more for faster, better and/or dedicated service - like you do in every other sector of the economy.

You can buy First Class postage - or overnight delivery. You can buy a plane seat in Coach - or

First Class. And on, and on, and...

If we outlaw Web paid prioritization, we lose amazing human achievement advances like [remote surgery](#), where doctors can repair humans without being within ten thousand miles of them. Robots cut - at the Internet-connected direction of distant physicians. [Doctors Without Borders](#) - reimagined beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

But this requires a dedicated Internet connection - fast as heck and assuredly uninterrupted. You don't want a surgeon's view inside a patient - to begin buffering. That would be no bueno.

Net Neutrality mandates that "bits are bits" - [that ALL of them must be treated exactly the same](#). So the surgeon's connection - is thrown into the same bandwidth pool with EVERYTHING else. Including the porn sites - plying their wares. No differentiation allowed.

Why, that sounds...exceedingly greedy of these porn corporations. And really terrible for the hopes of remote patients everywhere.

But the porn corporations are on the Greer-Free Press Freak Show bandwagon - so all their greed is forgiven too.

Because in the Left's anti-reality World, all bits should be equal - but acts of avarice are not.

Centuries ago, the Catholic Church allowed you to pay [indulgences](#). You cut the Church a check - and your sins were forgiven.

The Catholic Church has evolved. The Left has not.

They can't. It's the only way they can afford to continue to exist.

The Lefty Media's Uber-Fringe: Touting Terrorists and 'Day of Action'

By Seton Motley / July 5, 2017 11:34 AM EDT

One of the very many things that has been hammered home in the President Donald Trump era - is that if the media wants to make a non-story a story, they certainly can. At least for them and theirs.

No matter how ridiculous and fact-free the tale. It can be patently obvious that the "A" they are selling is actually "Not A" - but that matters not. The media floods the zone with it, and that's all we get.

Trump-Russia collusion, anyone? We're now a year in to the Media-Democrat complex screeching incessantly about Trump collaborating with Vladimir Putin's Russia to steal November's election.

There remains [zero evidence thereof](#). All along the way, [all sorts of Democrats and Leftists](#) have continually, begrudgingly admitted that there is zero evidence thereof. But that's the storyline to which the Media-Left wishes to adhere - so we're stuck with it.

The Media-Left has launched another non-story into the stratosphere - the [hard Left's July 12 "Day of Action"](#). Put together to protest the Trump Administration rightly, very reasonably undoing the Barack Obama Internet power grabs known as Reclassification and Network Neutrality.

Of course, with the Left insisting that we keep in place these government assaults on the free Web - this little outing should be entitled a "Day of Traction." Because the Internet so regulated - is immobilized.

[As we have noted](#), the DC-NY Bubble no longer controls the media narrative. In the age of social media, that locus has shifted to the Silicon Valley. As Left as is the Bubble - they have nothing on the radical Valley. And when it comes to protecting their [massive Net Neutrality cronyism](#) - the Valley-led media gets really ramped up.

[Net Neutrality Action Day Set for July 12](#)

[Net Neutrality: Amazon Among Top Internet Firms Planning Day of Action](#)

[Amazon and Reddit Try to Save Net Neutrality Rules in 'Day of Action'](#)

[Amazon Plans 'Day of Action' for Net Neutrality — But Not Netflix](#)

Wait - what's Netflix's problem?

[Netflix Joins Amazon and Reddit in Day of Action to Save Net Neutrality](#)

Problem solved.

You'll note that Amazon is a recurring character. They are funding much of this Day of Nonsense. Because Net Neutrality mandates that they can use as much bandwidth as they wish (and they use a LOT) - and not have to pay for it.

And speaking of the media - Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns the *Washington Post*. How's the *Post*'s coverage of these issues? [Predictably](#) - [terrible](#).

What none of these many outlets will tell you - is how incredibly fringe-y this gathering gaggle actually is. Though the media's wall-to-wall advertising campaign (it can't seriously be called reporting) does much to mask the uber-fringe-ness.

Meet "Day of Action" organizer [Evan Greer](#): "I'm a queer activist singer/songwriter, organizer, parent, speaker, and workshop facilitator based in Boston. i travel the world playing high-energy music for social change and connecting with communities who are resisting oppression. Occasionally I write for reputable places like The Guardian and Huffington Post or appear as a guest on All Things Considered."

I would posit that - for a variety of reasons beyond just their publishing this guy - these places aren't "reputable."

Greer is the [Campaign Director](#) for uber-Left [Fight for the Future](#). July 12 is their show - and his. (Using Amazon's and a host of other Valley companies' money.)

Greer recently [spent nearly three years working to free](#) Tarek Mehanna. [Who is he?](#): "Tarek Mehanna is an American pharmacist convicted of conspiracy to provide material support to al Qaeda, providing material support to terrorists (and conspiracy to do so), conspiracy to commit murder in a foreign country, conspiracy to make false statements to the FBI, and two counts of making false statements. He was sentenced in April 2012 to 17 years in federal prison."

How pleasant. Greer's a [Tweeting peach](#).

Is Mehanna the only terrorist of whom Greer is a fan? [Of course not](#):

Who is [Rivera](#)?: "Oscar López Rivera...is a Puerto Rican activist and militant who was one of the leaders of the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueña (FALN), a clandestine paramilitary organization responsible for more than 120 bomb attacks on United States targets."

Greer loves to [Tweet paeans to terrorists](#).

Who is [Shakur](#)?: "Assata Olugbala Shakur...is a black activist, member of the left-wing Black Liberation Army (BLA), who was convicted of murder in 1977. She escaped from prison in 1979 and fled to Cuba in 1984, gaining political asylum."

Shakur was convicted of murder. Greer defends her by saying she "never harmed a single civilian." Who did Shakur [murder](#)?: "In May 1973, Shakur was involved in a shootout on the New Jersey Turnpike, in which New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster was killed and Trooper James Harper was grievously assaulted; she was charged in these attacks."

So Shakur murdered...a cop. And grievously wounded another. And Greer's cool with that.

Greer's July 12 "Day of Action" - is a radical-fringe, terrorist-loving freak show. And should be summarily dismissed as the kook-fest it so obviously is.

The media absolutely shouldn't be promoting this nonsense.

Silicon Valley's companies - absolutely shouldn't be funding it.

And no Republican anywhere should give a Tinker's Dam what these freaks are saying. Because none of them will ever, EVER vote for ANY of them.

In a sane world. In the crazy, tiny, fringe-zone that is the Left - all of this is just fine.

Obama's IRS 2.0 (Or 3.0...4.0?...Or Is It...?)

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Remember the Barack Obama Administration's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) scandal? The media really wish you wouldn't, which is why they never really reported on it while it occurred. And, in many ways, the IRS scandal [continued well past its initial exposition date](#).

Here's a (re)fresher:

[IRS Targeting Scheme is a Scandal with No End in Sight](#): "When the Senate Finance Committee released its findings on the Internal Revenue Service scheme targeting conservative organizations a couple of weeks ago, the initial determination was clear....

"(T)he evidence shows partisan political animus resulted in the unwarranted targeting of conservative groups because of their political beliefs....

"(Top IRS official Lois) Lerner called Republican critics 'evil and dishonest' – even 'hateful.'

She lashed out following an appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in 2014: 'Yesterday was a doozy. They called me back to testify on the IRS "scandal," and I tool (sic) the 5th again because they had been so evil and dishonest in my lawyer's dealings with them...."

This was weaponizing government in a way of which Richard Nixon or any other president never even dreamed. But this was just one of myriad ways the Obama Administration turned the very many arms of the Leviathan against we less government types – and/or in favor of their big government political cronies.

When Obama [said](#) "We're going to punish our enemies and reward our friends" – it was an administration manifesto.

[\\$878 Billion Stimulus Money: A Slush Fund for Unions and Democrats](#)

[80% of DOE Green Energy Loans Went to Obama Backers](#)

And the examples of Obama turning government against half the citizenry continue to roll out – even after his administration has oh-so-thankfully ended.

We recently [wrote](#) of the fake democracy and staggering stupidity of the bureaucracy power grab "Comment Period." Where an Executive Branch agency pretends to be the Legislative Branch – [by writing laws rather than executing them](#):

"To make these power grabs appear less power grabby, the agencies have devised the rule-making process – during which they have 'Comment Periods.....Except we didn't elect these bureaucrats – so we can't un-elect them. So it is decidedly unlikely that they

care a whit what we think....So no matter what happens during the fake democracy 'Comment Periods' – they're going to do what regulators do."

And in the Obama Administration, what regulators did – was punish enemies and reward friends. If the following sounds an awful lot like the Obama IRS scandal – that's only because it is an awful lot like the Obama IRS scandal.

Obama-Era FCC Caught Red-Handed Giving Preferential Treatment To Liberal Groups:

"A high-level employee at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 2014 appeared to give leaders of liberal-leaning groups preferential treatment for posting and publicizing comments on the agency's public forum for the net neutrality debate.

"The FCC hosted a period in 2014 where anyone could submit feedback on so-called net neutrality...The FCC at the time invited people to publish their thoughts about net neutrality on the public filing system in an attempt to have the rule-making process for internet regulation as democratic as possible. But how democratic and equal that process was can now be called into question.

"Gigi Sohn, a top counselor to then-FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, responded (to Leftist groups) using her official agency email address.

"'Thanks so much to all of you for your efforts,' Sohn wrote. 'We'll do our best and keep our fingers crossed too! I'll be out of town tomorrow, but will be checking emails, and (sic) (presumably FCC staffers) David and Sagar will be at your service.'"

Sohn not only provided assistance for technical issues, but also publicized the (Leftist) advocacy groups' purportedly authentic numbers.

"'Just a note that we've got 500k or so more comments that were held up by server issues today. It would be great if you could pass press on to us for the real number,' (Leftist group 'Fight for the Future' founder Holmes) Wilson said in an email.

"'Can you tweet from @fcc early today, something like: 'The FCC server has had problems with the large number of comments, so the number on the docket website is not the official number. We'll have an official number soon,'" Wilson asked in a separate email dated September 11th, 2014, at around 10:26 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Then-FCC spokesman Kim Hart – happily did so:

"(L)eaders of...right leaning organizations, like (Mike) Wendy (of Media Freedom) and Phil Kerpen of the advocacy group American Commitment, said they were barely even able to get their foot in the door.

"'Our team got some help from low-level FCC employees who kind of answered the phone the way anyone just calling in would,' Kerpen explained. 'But we certainly didn't get any kind of high-level assistance from high-level staffers managing media requests and helping to shape a narrative.'"

"Kerpen believes that the level of service and assistance was 'completely one-sided' because the FCC wanted to 'help them reach the predetermined outcome of their process.'"

“What upsets Kerpen and Wendy even more is that the FCC isn’t supposed to be political. Rather, it is to be an independent expert agency that makes decisions based on data, facts, economics and the law. Since specific staff members at the FCC, like Sohn, essentially bended over backwards to help one side but failed to help others with different political views, they believe the agency rendered itself partial and subservient.”

Yes, the Obama era is finally, thankfully over. But the lessons to draw therefrom – are many. But a few:

Government can and will be weaponized. And when it is – it will be done to advantage anyone who wants to grow government, and against anyone who does not.

The unelected Executive Branch agencies are far more formidable weapons than our elected Legislative Branch. Because bureaucrats are accountable to...no one – save for their weaponizing President.

These ridiculous “Comment Periods” – are completely ridiculous. As are any moves by the Executive to behave like the Legislative.

Law-writing should be left...to the elected, accountable Legislative. To minimize the ability of obnoxious government officials weaponizing the government against We the People.

Let us please keep all of this in mind going forward.